

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and listings.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A printing apparatus comprising:

a discriminating unit ~~for discriminating~~ adapted to discriminate whether or not an image is ~~an image including~~ includes a deteriorated image ~~or not~~;

a processing unit ~~for deteriorating the whole image~~ adapted to render, if it is determined by said discriminating unit discriminates that the image is the image including the includes a deteriorated image, the image based on the deteriorated image and a non-deteriorated image included in the image, to compress the rendered image causing deterioration to the rendered image, and to save the compressed image; and

a printing unit ~~for printing~~ adapted to print the image processed by said processing unit.

Claim 2 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
[[said]] the deterioration includes deterioration due to compression.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein  
when a display list is formed, if it is ~~determined by~~ said discriminating unit discriminates that the image is ~~the image including the~~ includes a deteriorated image, said processing unit

decompresses the image including the deteriorated image and performs the compression ~~which causes the~~ causing deterioration to the decompressed image, thereby deteriorating the ~~whole~~ image.

Claim 5 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein upon rendering, if ~~it is determined by~~ said discriminating unit discriminates that the image ~~is the image including the~~ includes a deteriorated image, said processing unit decompresses the image including the deteriorated image and performs the compression ~~which causes the~~ causing deterioration to the decompressed image, thereby deteriorating the ~~whole~~ image.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A printing method comprising:

- a discriminating step of discriminating whether or not an image ~~is an~~ image including includes a deteriorated image ~~[[or not]]~~;
- a processing step of deteriorating the ~~whole~~ image if ~~it is determined by~~ said discriminating step discriminates that the image ~~is the image including the~~ includes a deteriorated image; and
- a printing step of printing the image processed ~~[[by]]~~ in said processing step,

wherein, if said discriminating step discriminates that the image includes a deteriorated image, said processing step decompresses the image including the deteriorated image and performs compression on the decompressed image causing deterioration to the decompressed image, thereby deteriorating the image.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A method according to claim 6, wherein  
[[said]] the deterioration includes deterioration due to compression.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended): A printing method comprising:  
a discriminating step of discriminating whether or not an image  
includes a deteriorated image;  
a processing step of deteriorating the image if said discriminating  
step discriminates that the image includes a deteriorated image; and  
a printing step of printing the image processed in said processing  
step.

~~A method according to claim 6, wherein, when a display list is~~  
~~formed[[,]] and if it is determined by said discriminating step~~ discriminates ~~that the image~~  
~~is the image including the~~ includes a deteriorated image, ~~said processing step decompresses~~  
~~the image including the deteriorated image and performs the compression which causes~~  
compresses the decompressed image causing ~~the deterioration to the decompressed image,~~  
~~thereby deteriorating the whole image.~~

Claim 10 (currently amended): A printing method comprising:  
a discriminating step of discriminating whether or not an image  
includes a deteriorated image;

a processing step of deteriorating the image if said discriminating step discriminates that the image includes a deteriorated image; and  
a printing step of printing the image processed in said processing step.

~~A method according to claim 6, wherein upon rendering, if it is determined by said discriminating step~~ discriminates ~~that the image is the image including the includes a deteriorated image, said processing step decompresses the image including the deteriorated image and performs the compression which causes~~ compresses the decompressed image causing the deterioration to the decompressed image, thereby deteriorating the whole image.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A ~~program product~~ computer-readable storage medium for storing a program, said program comprising:

code for a discriminating step of discriminating whether or not an image includes ~~is an image including~~ a deteriorated image [[or not]];

a processing step of deteriorating the whole image if ~~it is determined by said code for a discriminating step~~ discriminates ~~that the image is the image including the includes a deteriorated image; and~~

code for a printing step of printing the image processed by said code for a processing step,

wherein, if said code for a discriminating step discriminates that the image includes a deteriorated image, said code for a processing step decompresses the

image including the deteriorated image and performs compression on the decompressed image causing deterioration to the decompressed image, thereby deteriorating the image.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A product program according to claim 11, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the deterioration includes deterioration due to compression.

Claim 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium for storing a program, said program comprising:

code for a discriminating step of discriminating whether or not an image includes a deteriorated image;

code for a processing step of deteriorating the image if said code for a discriminating step discriminates that the image includes a deteriorated image; and

code for a printing step of printing the image processed by said code for a processing step.

~~A product according to claim 11, wherein, when a display list is formed[[,]] and if it is determined by said~~ code for a discriminating step discriminates ~~that the image is the image including the~~ includes a deteriorated image, said code for ~~a processing step decompresses the image including the deteriorated image and performs compression which causes~~ compresses the decompressed image causing the deterioration ~~to the decompressed image, thereby deteriorating the whole image.~~

Claim 15 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium for storing a program, said program comprising:

code for a discriminating step of discriminating whether or not an image includes a deteriorated image;

code for a processing step of deteriorating the image if said code for a discriminating step discriminates that the image includes a deteriorated image; and

code for a printing step of printing the image processed by said code for a processing step.

~~A method according to claim 11, wherein upon rendering, if it is determined by said code for a discriminating step discriminates that the image is the image including the includes a deteriorated image, said code for a processing step decompresses the image including the deteriorated image and performs compression which causes compresses the decompressed image causing the deterioration to the decompressed image, thereby deteriorating the whole image.~~